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ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

- I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in a paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. The school was totally silent.
2. Franz was afraid of French grammar class.
3. The French teacher was well dressed.
4. Franz was late to school.
5. He saw the villagers seated in the class.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each :

"I trust, Mr. Holmes," he said, "that you can spare me a few hours of your valuable time. We have had a very painful incident at St. Luke's and if you were not here, I should not know what to do."

"I am very busy just now," my friend answered. "I should much prefer that you called in the police."

"No, no my dear sir. This is one of those cases where for the credit of the college we must avoid a scandal. I beg you, Mr. Holmes, to do what you can."

My friend's temper had not improved since he had been away from the familiar surroundings of Baker Street. He shrugged his shoulders, while our visitor poured out his story.

1. Who is Mr. Holmes ? 2
2. What is St. Luke's ? 2
3. What is the painful incident referred to ? 2
4. Who is the visitor ? 2
5. Why was the visitor against calling in the police ? 2

- III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Describe how the author explained 'the missed encounter'.
2. Explain the story 'Last Lesson' with a character sketch of Mr. Hamel.
3. How did the author's grandfather escape from the attack of the ostrich ?
4. How did the author describe the poverty of the old man and how did she help him and the children in the story "Stolen Bananas" ?

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PART - B

- IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

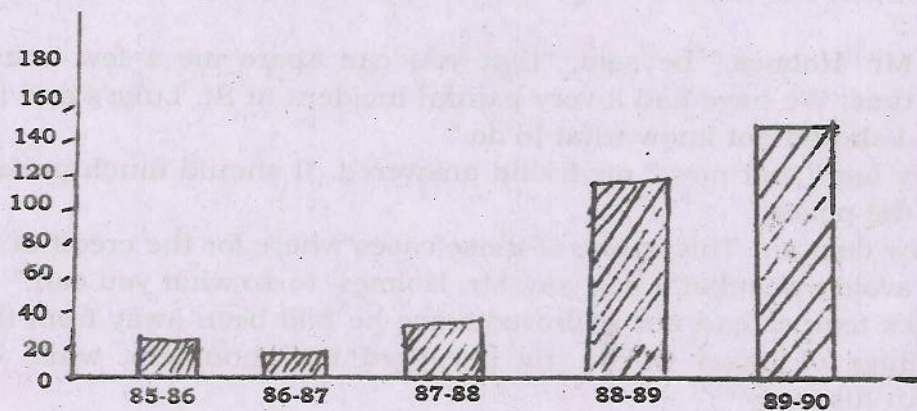
Trees are useful to man in three ways; they provide him with wood and other products; they give him shade; and they help to prevent drought and flood. Unfortunately in many parts of world, man has not realised that the third of these services is the most important. In this eagerness to draw in large numbers only to find that with them he has lost the best friends he had. Even when a government realises the importance of a plentiful supply of trees, it is difficult for it to persuade the villagers to see this.

The villagers want wood to cook their food with; and can earn money by making charcoal or selling wood to the townsman. They are usually too lazy or careless to plant and look after new trees. So, unless the government has a good system of control, or can educate the people the forests will slowly disappear. This does not mean the villager's sons and grandsons have fewer trees. The results are even more serious; for where there are trees their roots break the soil allowing the rain to sink in and also bind the soil thus preventing its being washed away easily, but where there are no trees, the rain falls on hard ground and carrying away with it, the rich top-soil is gone, nothing remains but worthless desert.

- V. Study the graph given below and answer the following questions :

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Export Performance — Tata Steel.



Questions :

1. What does the graph represent ?
2. Which year has the lowest performance ?
3. Which year has the highest performance ?
4. Find out the difference between the year 87-88 and 88-89.
5. What does each bar represent ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Perceptions are crucial to innovation. In fact, in many ways, perceptions and beliefs are the keys to driving innovations. It is creating, cultivating and maintaining these beliefs that is the challenge. All companies regardless of their size, longevity or reputation must continually refresh their technology, aspirations, identity and the beliefs that drive them.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly :

5 × 1 = 5

1. I have new writing-table with a fine surface of red leather.
2. The bananas was unloaded for his children.
3. Sivagami was looking to the right opportunity to talk to her father about it.
4. Lions are both found in Asia and Africa.
5. Who is tallest, you or I ?

VII. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

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Will no one tell me what she sings ?
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old, unhappy, far off things,
And battles long ago :
Or is it some more humble lay,
Familiar matter of today ?
Some natural sorrow, loss or pain,
That has been, and may be again ?
Whate'er the theme, the maiden sang
As if her song could have no ending :
I saw her singing at her work
And o'er the sickle bending
I listened, motionless and still
And as I mounted up the hill.
The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more.

Questions :

1. The poet is unaware of something. What is that ?
2. When did the song end ?
3. What did the girl do while singing at her work ?
4. How did the poet feel long after the song was heard no more ?
5. What was the tone of the song ?

OR

Paraphrase the poem given below :

A piper in the streets today
Set up and turned and started
And away, away, away on the tide
Of his music we started, one every side
Doors and windows were opened wide
And men left down their work and came
And women with petticoats coloured like flame
And little bare feet that were bluish cold
Went dancing back to the age of gold
And all the world went gay, went gay,
For half an hour in the street to-day.

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VIII. Answer any *one* of the following in about a page :

1. Write a letter to the Managing Director of a sugar factory seeking permission to visit his factory during the weekend. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to your cousin advising him not to neglect sports and games.

OR

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about the accumulation of garbage in your street.

(Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address, your answer paper will not be evaluated)

- IX. Build up a dialogue between a passenger and a station master at the railway station. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least *five* exchanges :

Murali : Hi, Ramesh. Are you free ? Will you accompany me for a movie ?

Ramesh : No, thank you. I don't like to see them.

Murali : What a great surprise ! Why do you dislike them ?

- X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5

Book Mark Publishing House is going to display all its books from 22nd to 25th September, 2009. Books will be sold at 15% discount. Place Town hall, Trichy.

- XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10
Prevention is better than cure.

OR

Politeness costs nothing but wins friends.
